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TO: THE WHITE HOUSE EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

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DEAR HENRY:

1. ON PRESENT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SALT V HAS ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO GO.

2. I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR MORE RADAR CONTROL.

3. THROUGH SEVERAL SPECIAL GROUPS WE WILL BE TRYING TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ACCOMMODATIONS TO NARROW DIFFERENCES IN TEXTS OF CERTAIN SOVIET AND US ARTICLES, AD REFERENDUM, REPEAT AD REFERENDUM, FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL.

4. I HAVE STRESSED, WITHOUT SUCCESS, NEED TO GET ON WITH OFFENSIVE FREEZE MEASURES NEGOTIATION. ONLY SOVIET OFFENSIVE MEASURE MOVE WAS TO REJECT US PROPOSED FREEZE ON SLBM CONSTRUCTION. SOVIETS APPARENTLY DO NOT INTEND FURTHER DISCLOSURE OF THEIR "OFFENSIVE MEASURES" POSITION UNTIL AT LEAST AN UNDERSTANDING ON ARM LEVEL HAS BEEN REACHED.

5. I CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT A DEAL THAT GAVE SOVIETS RIGHT TO HAVE TWO ARM SYSTEMS -- ESPECIALLY WHILE SCOPE OF RADAR CONTROLS AS YET UNCLEAR.

BUT TO PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH FACTUAL BASIS FOR FINAL ARM "LEVEL" DECISION, I PROPOSE TO PRESS SEMENOV FOR SPECIFICS OF THE ICBM DEFENSE ASPECT OF THEIR "ONE AND ONE" PROPOSAL OF 7 SEPTEMBER. SEMENOV HAS SAID SPECIFICS AVAILABLE IF WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS NEW APPROACH (SIC). HE CORRECTED INTERPRETER'S FIRST RENDERING OF WORD AS "PROPOSAL." (A SOVIET DELEGATE -- SHCHUKIN -- DESCRIBED IT AS "THEIR REAL PROPOSAL" AND SAID "IT WOULD GIVE THE US THE OPTION TO HAVE A DEFENSE OF WASHINGTON IN THE FUTURE SHOULD YOU SO DESIRE AND IT WOULD GIVE THE USSR A SIMILAR OPTION TO DEFEND AN ICBM FIELD.") LIKELY MINIMUM PRICE OF ADMISSION TO SPECIFICS OF NEW PROPOSAL IS INDICATION TO SEMENOV THAT WASHINGTON'S FIRST REACTION TO PROPOSAL IS INCLINED TO BE POSITIVE BUT DEFINITIVE REACTION IS DEPENDENT ON CLEARER UNDERSTANDING WHICH ONLY IS ATTAINABLE IF SPECIFICS ARE DISCLOSED. IF THERE IS OBJECTION TO MY TAKING THIS POSITION, PLEASE ADVISE. HOPE TO REACH YOU BY PHONE TODAY.

WARM REGARDS.

GERRY SMITH

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